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33. Sacred Fudo.
34. Circular Peacock.
35. Hexagonal Floral pattern.
36. Dragon.
37. Smoked Lion pattern.
38. Circular Diamond.
39. Dove pattern.
40. Dragon pattern.
41. Wave and Rabbits pattern.
42. Floral pattern.
43. Dragon pattern.
44. Lions and Peonies pattern.
    From a leather-covered quiver of Yoshi-tsune about 1185 A.D.
45. Lion Face pattern.
46. Butterfly pattern.
47. Lion and Peony.
    From a leather-covered quiver of Yoshi-tsune, about 1185 A.D.
48. Dragon pattern.
49. Crysanthemum pattern.
50. Tiger Skin pattern.
51. Kurikara pattern.
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53. Animal design.
54. Basket pattern.
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57. Ringlet pattern.
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62. Snowflake pattern.
63. Smoked Butterfly pattern.
64. Katsumi Fern pattern.
65. Smoked Dead Leaf pattern.
66. Spotted pattern.
67. Brocade pattern.
68. Komon pattern.
69. Old Rose Komon.
70. Kiku pattern.
71. Komon pattern.
72. Circular Brocade pattern.
73. Royal Brocade pattern.
74. Gomen Brocade pattern.
    Gomen is the term used when it is exclusively used for Royal families.
75. Twig pattern.
76. Dotted pattern.
77. Diamond Brocade pattern.
78. Spotted Unit pattern.
79. Brocade pattern.
80. Komon pattern.
81. Plum Komon pattern.
82. Royal Brodade pattern.
83-87. Varieties of Komon pattern.
88-106. Various patterns of Shobu leather.
    Very popular pattern in leather used by Samurai and Daimio for linings for military uniforms and trimming suits of armor, etc.
107-131. Various patterns of Shima leathers.
    Also very popular patterns often used for purses, bags, cushions, etc.

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LIST OF LEATHERS OF OLD JAPAN.

This valuable design book illustrating various patterns of leathers of Old Japan was composed by Keisai Ikeda and published in the year 1845, A.D., and now is out of print. The original copy is very rare in Japan. The present edition was accomplished with great skill and execution. Each pattern was carefully compared with old proof copy.

The leathers illustrated in this book were used by old Japanese generals and warriors for trimming and lining suits of armor, also cases for keeping various weapons. It may be interesting to add that most of these leathers are now out of existence and can only be seen in linings and trimmings of rare old suits of armor which are in the hands of famous collectors of armor, or noted Daimio families.

1. Tempei Leather.
   Tempei is the name of Japanese era 729-756 A.D , in which the pattern is used.
2. Floral Diaper.
3. Floral Lion.
4. Circular Lion.
5. Lion pattern.
6. Crysanthemum Diamond.
7. Hachiman Lettered.
8. Sacred Fudo.
   From a leather-covered quiver of Yoshi-iye, about 1090 A.D.
9. Sacred Fudo.
   From a leather-covered quiver used by Moritsuna, about 1182.
10. Sacred Fudo.
11. Floral Lion.
12. Floral Lion.
13. Circular Lion.
    From a leather-decorated armor used by Shigemori about 1170 A.D.
14. Lion and Peony.
15. Lion pattern.
    From a leather-decorated armor worn by Yosi-mitsu about 1185 A.D.
16. Grass pattern.
17. Floral Diamond.
18. Kikko Diaper.
    From a leather-decorated armor worn by Yoshi-iye about 1090 A.D.
19. Butterflies and Peonies.
20. Conventional Lion.
    From a leather-decorated armor worn by Yoshi-tsune about 1185.
21. Thunder pattern.
    From an armor worn by Yori-Tomo about 1178.
22. Precious Stone.
23. Dove Diamond.
24. Zephyr Spirit pattern.
25. Medallion pattern.
26. Lion Medallion.
27. Dragon.
    From an armor worn by Yoshi-Taka about 1570.
28. Lion Face.
29. Diamond Lion.
30. Roaming Lion.
    From an armor worn by Masa-Shige about 1333 A.D.
31. Floral Diamond.
32. Six Star.

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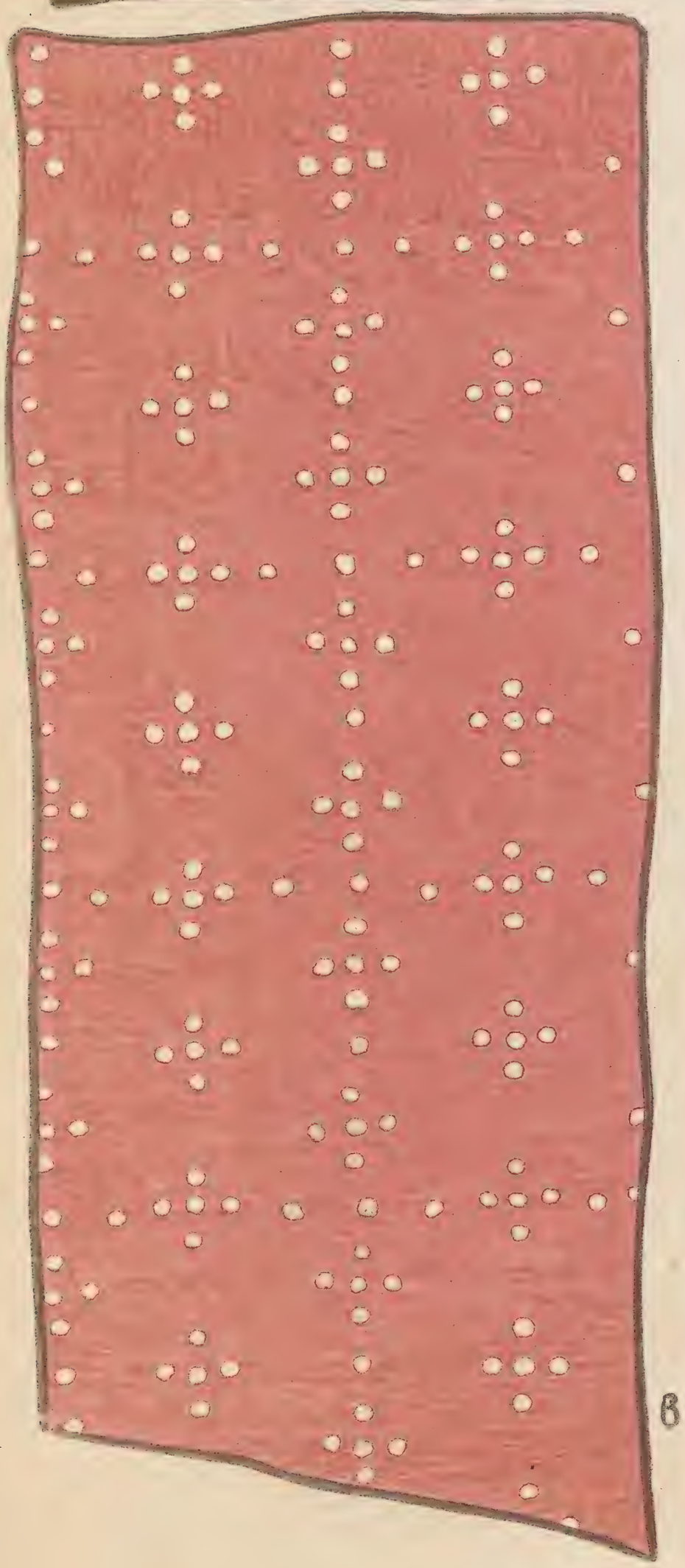

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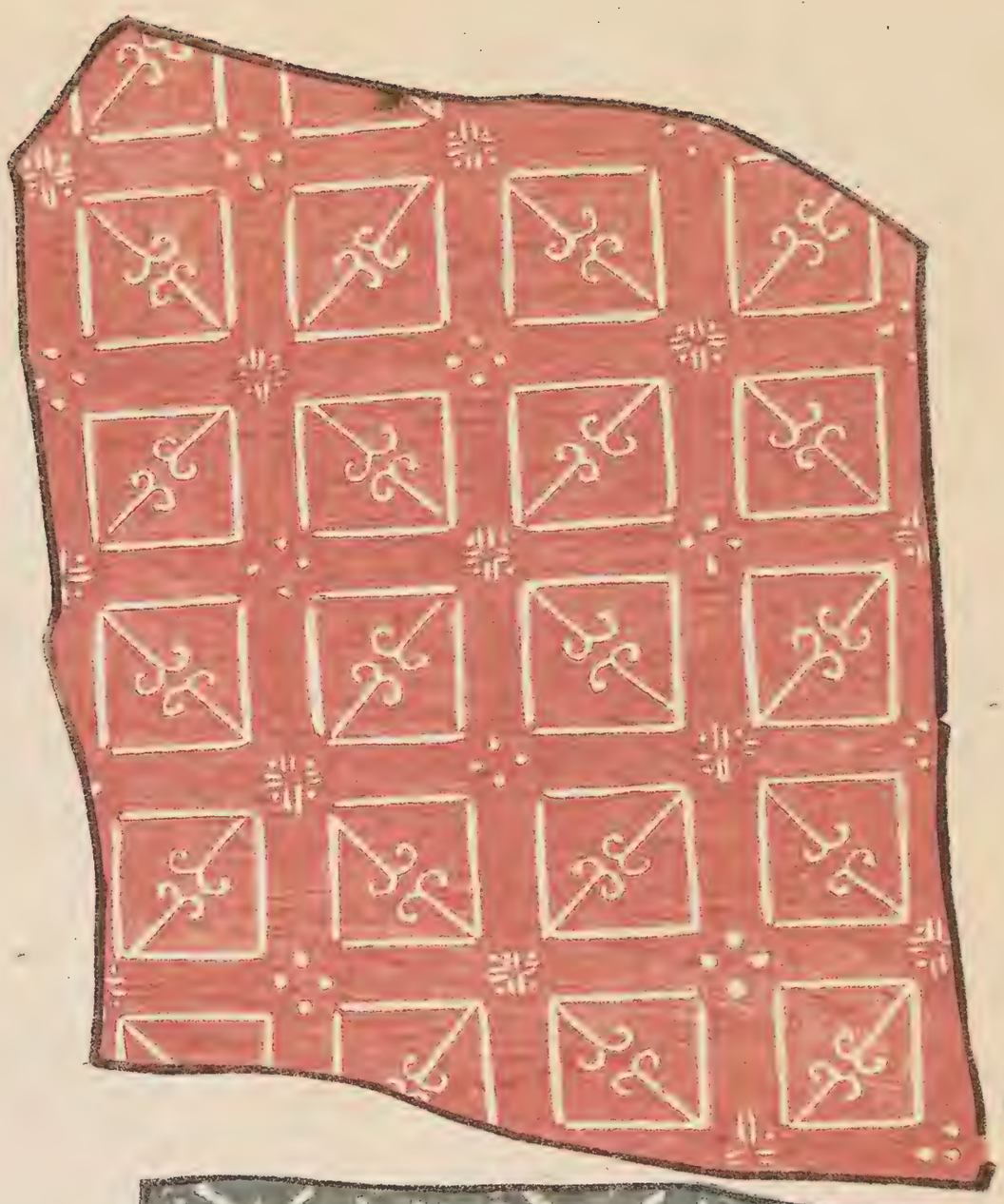

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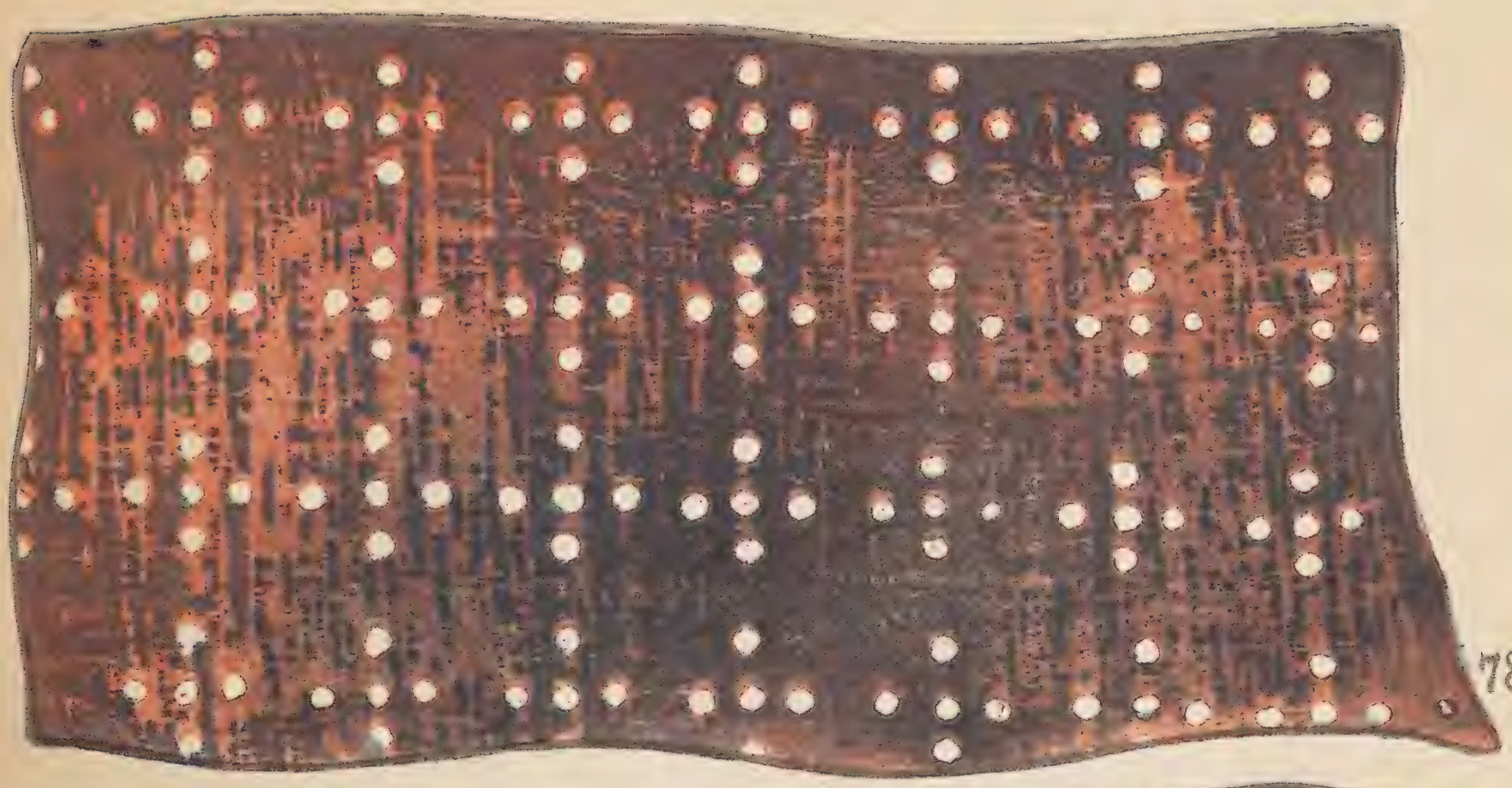

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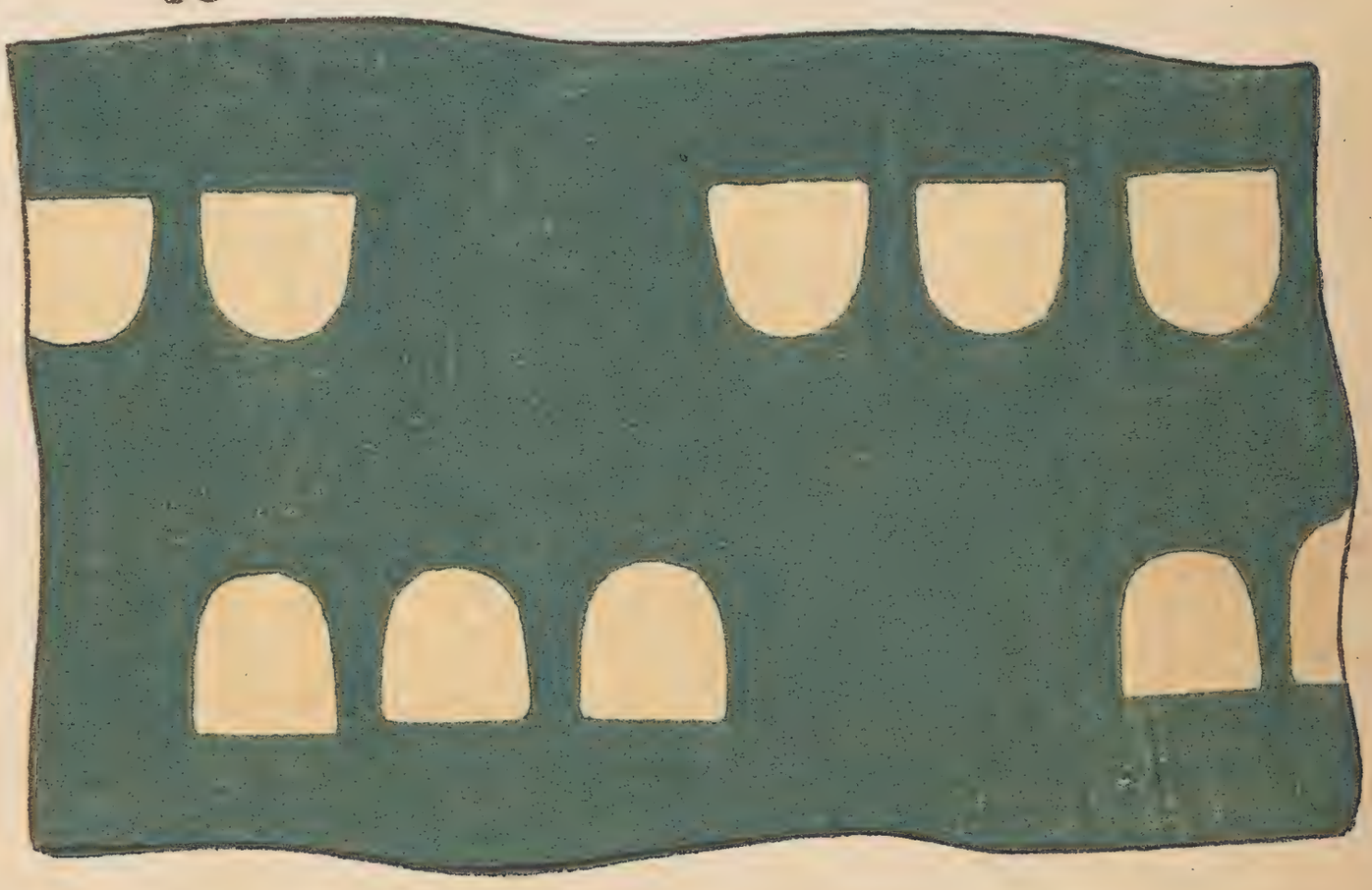

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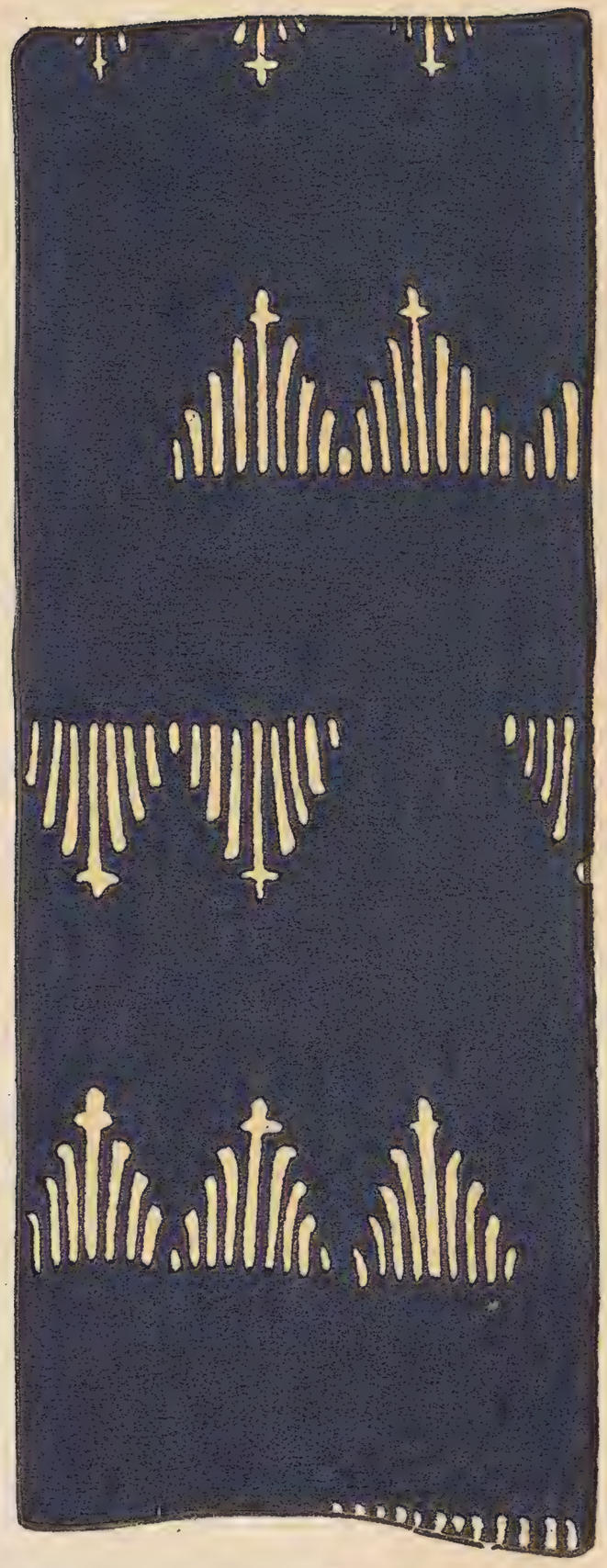

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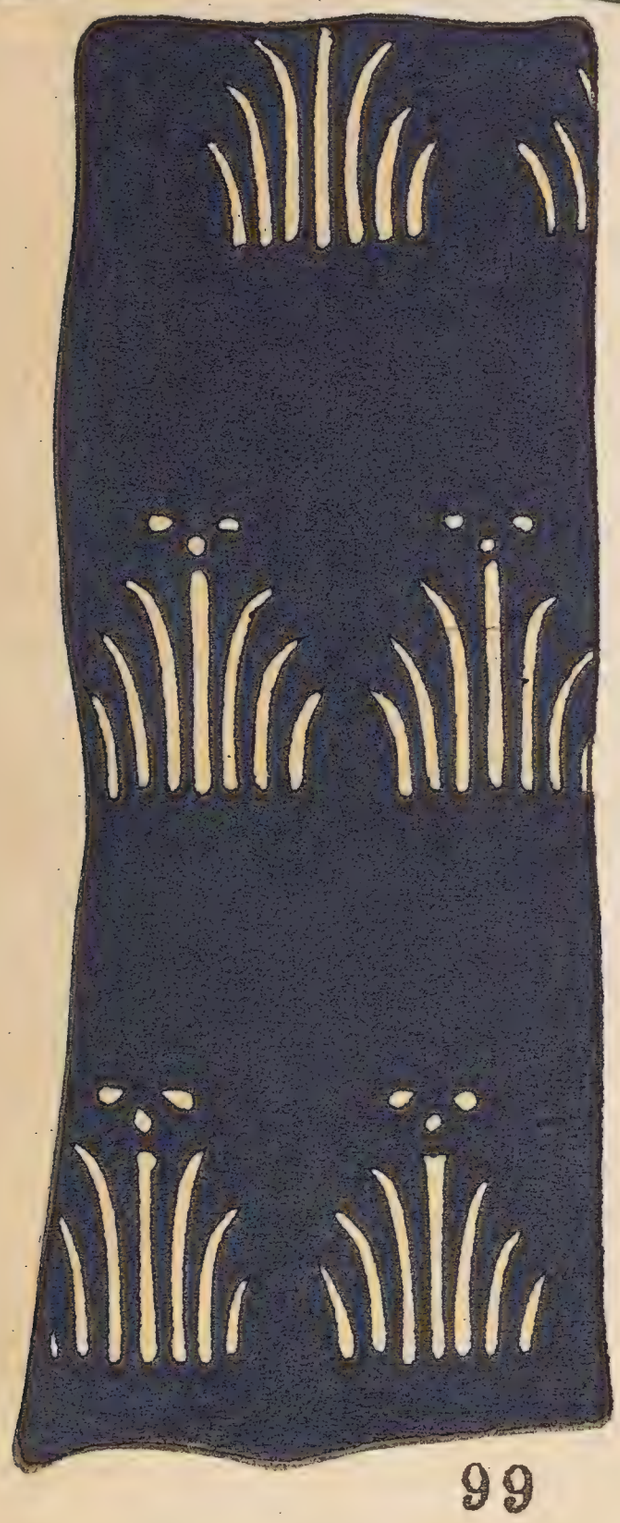

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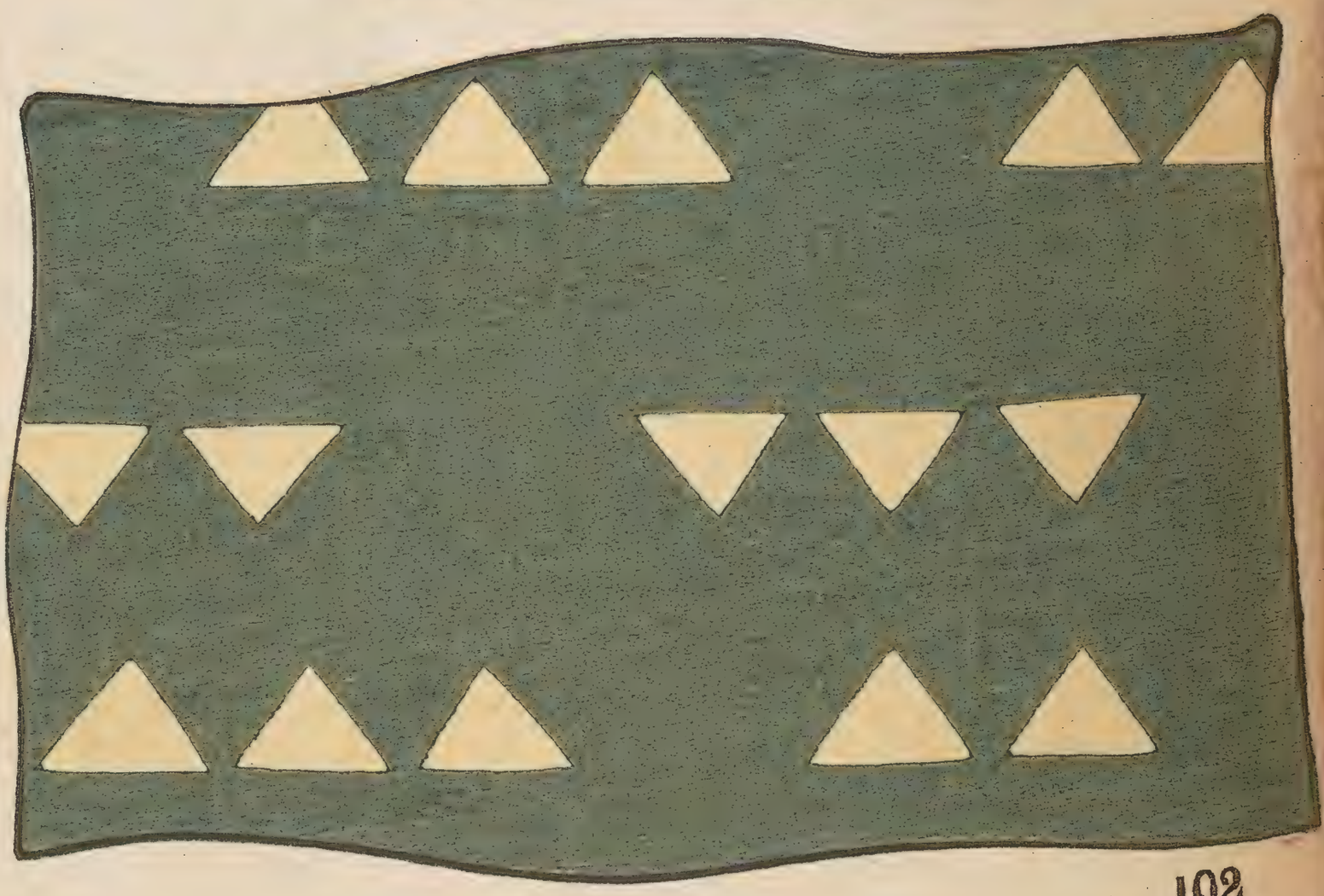

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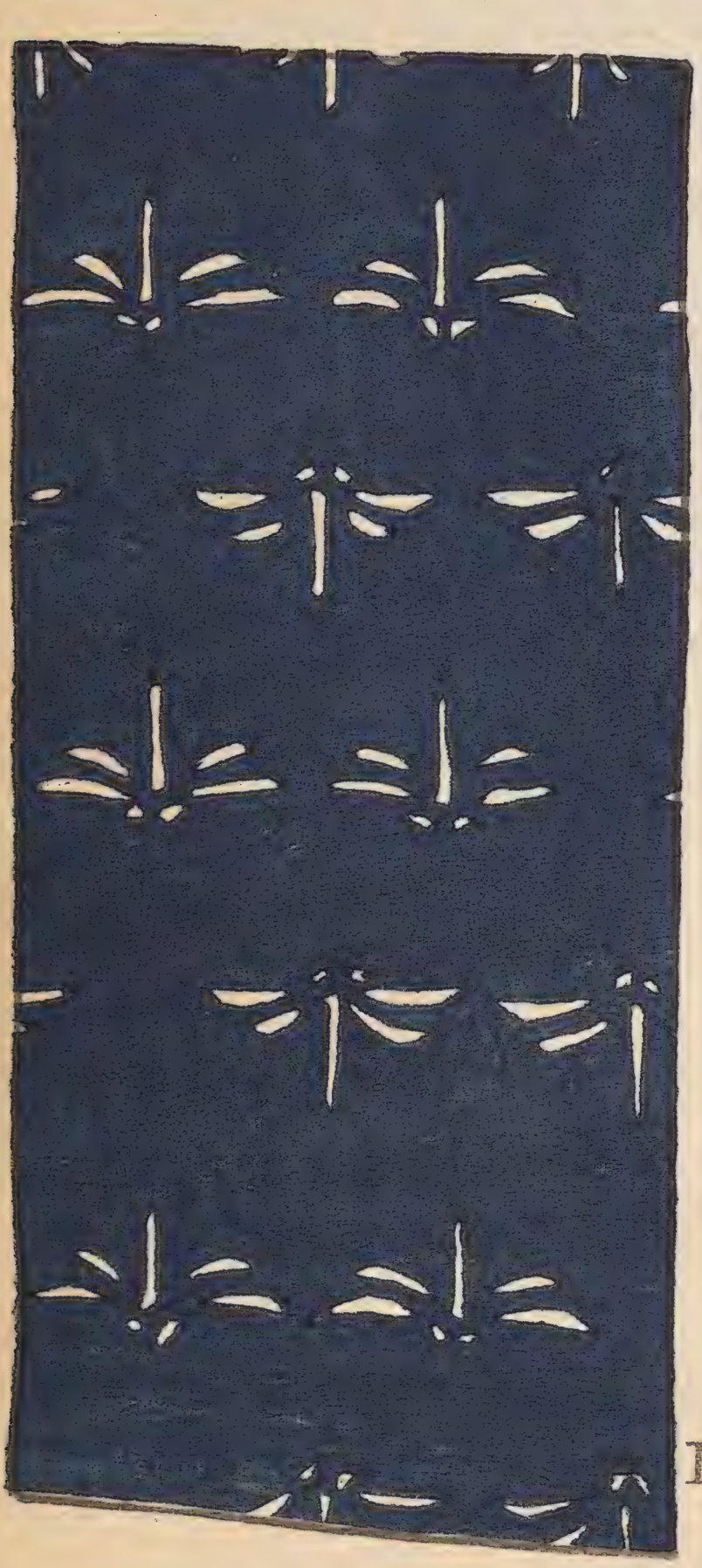

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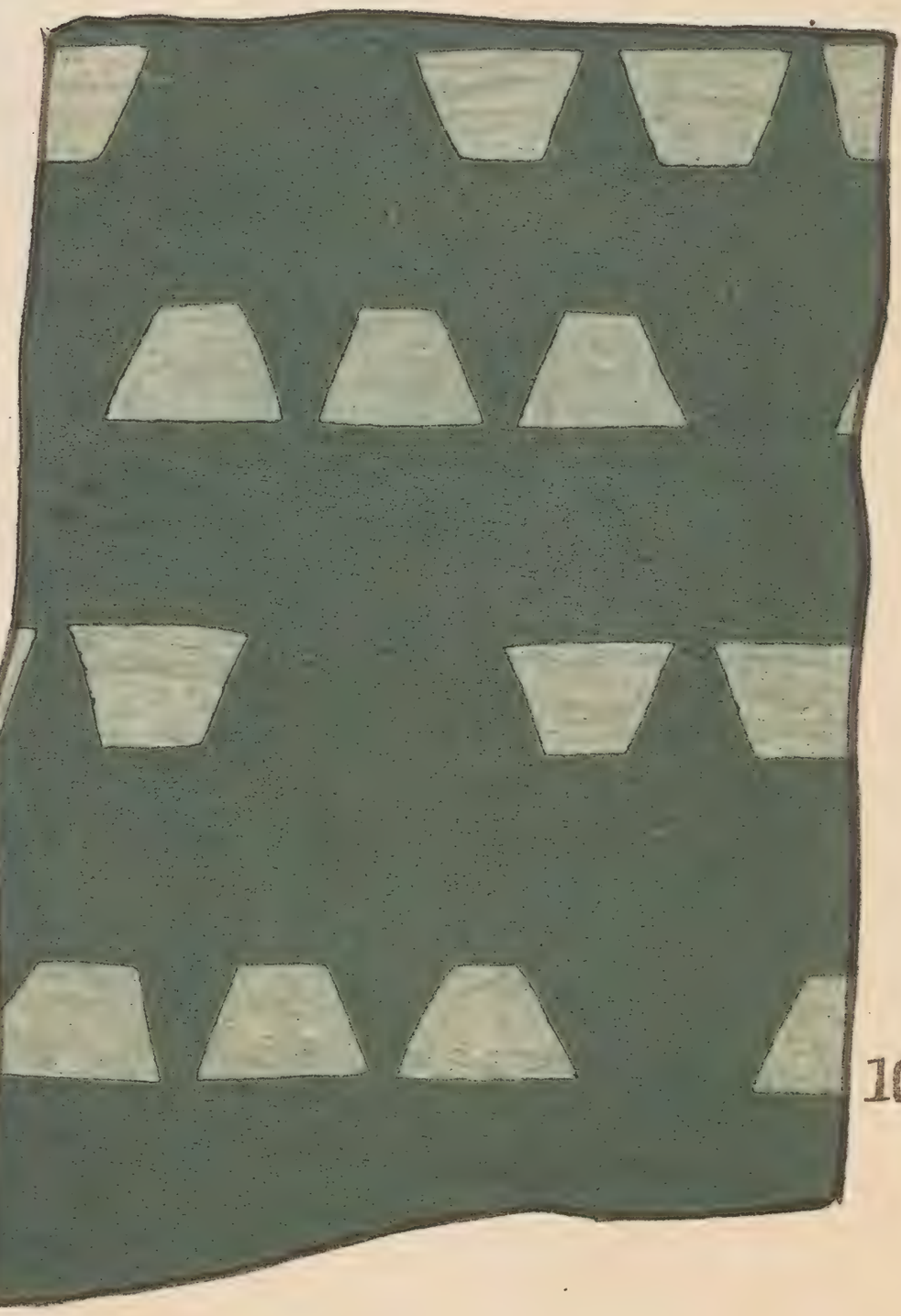

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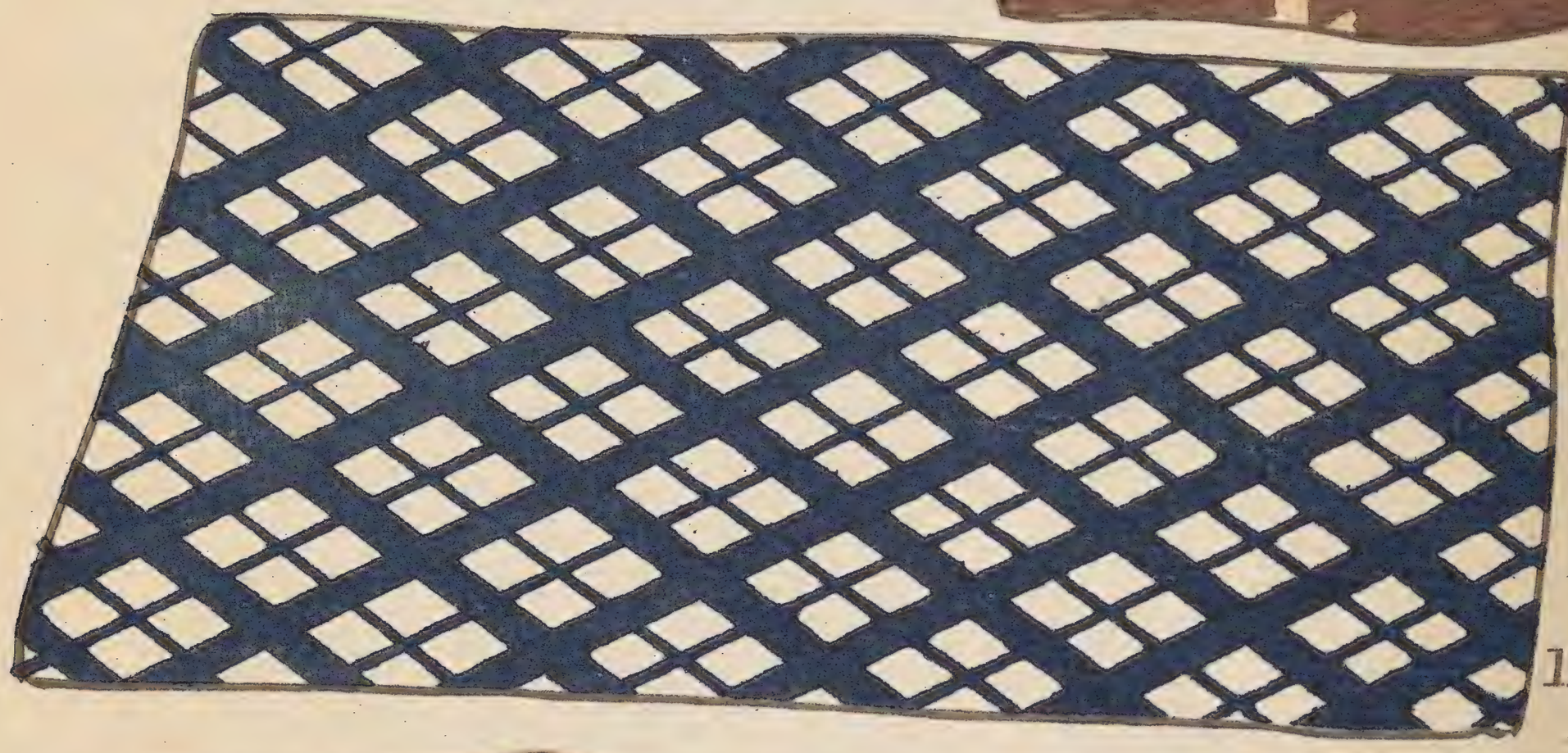

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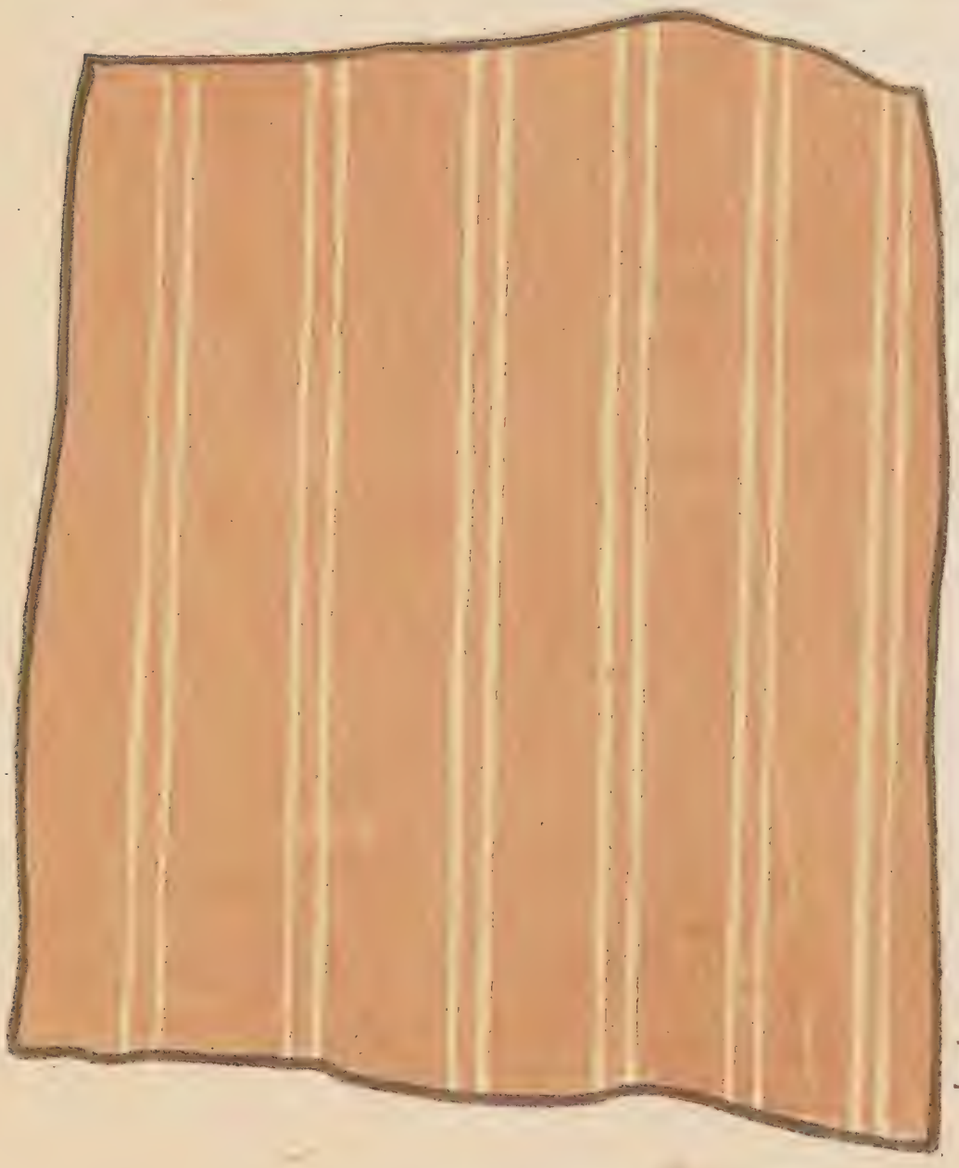

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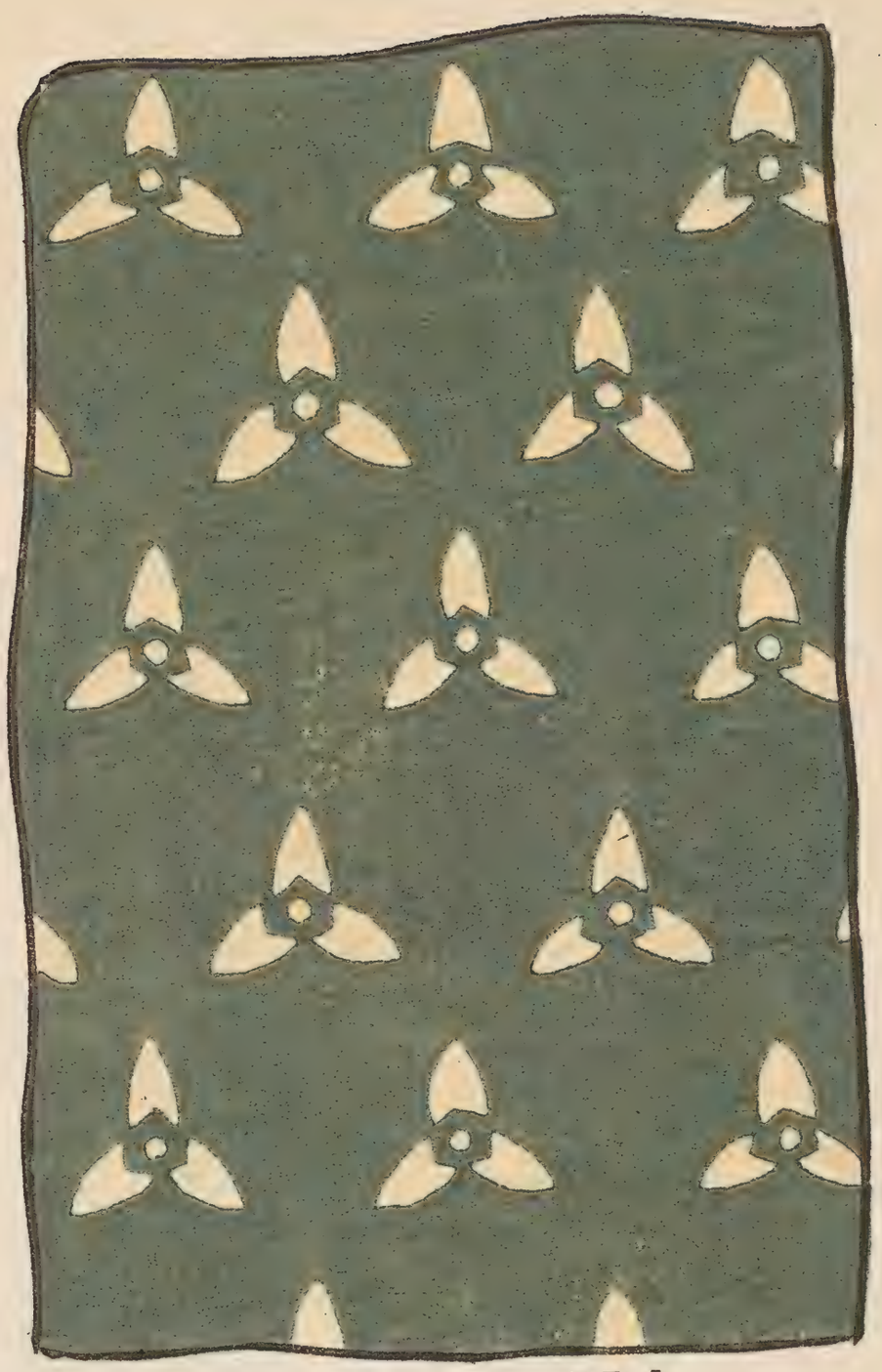

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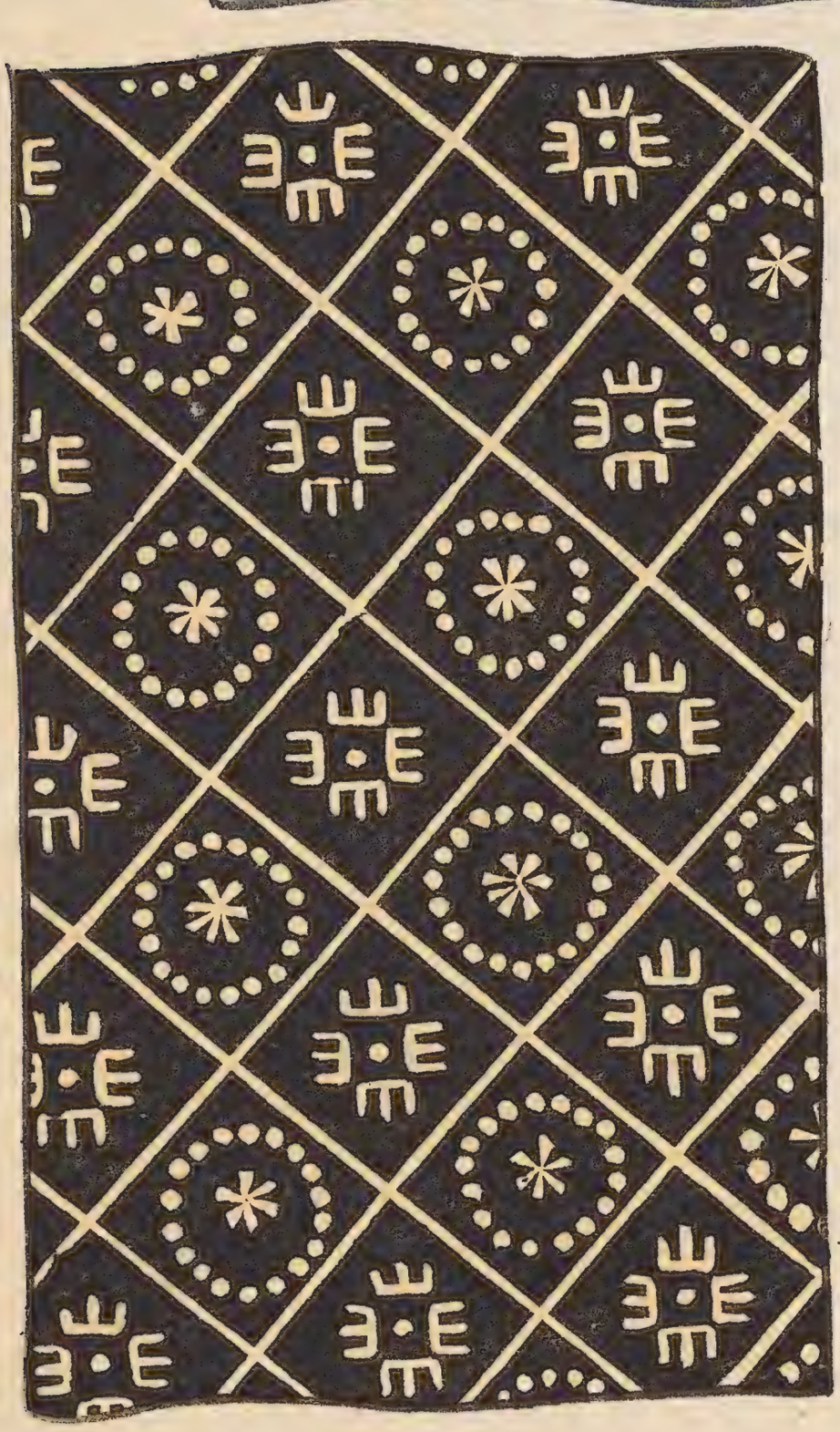

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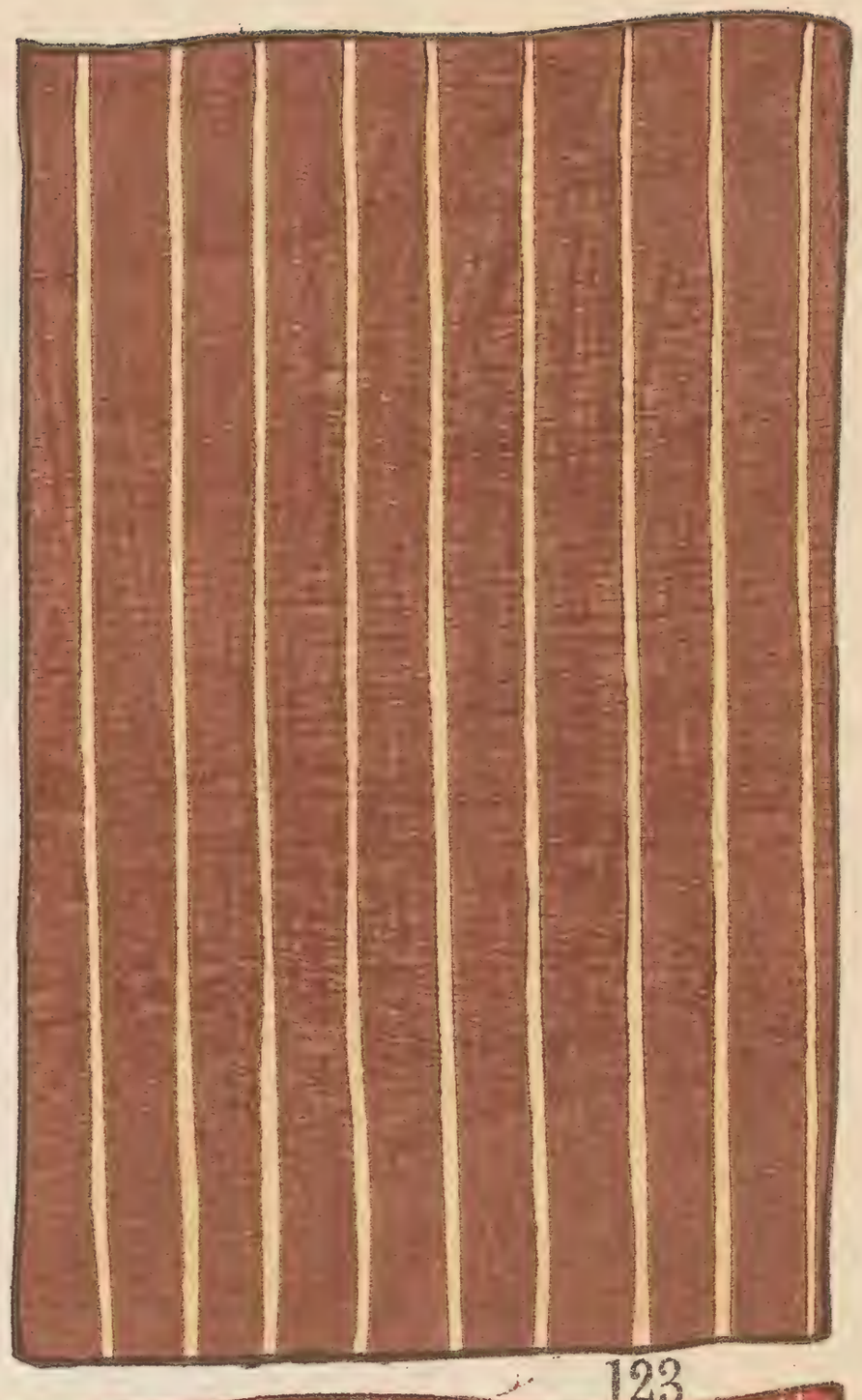

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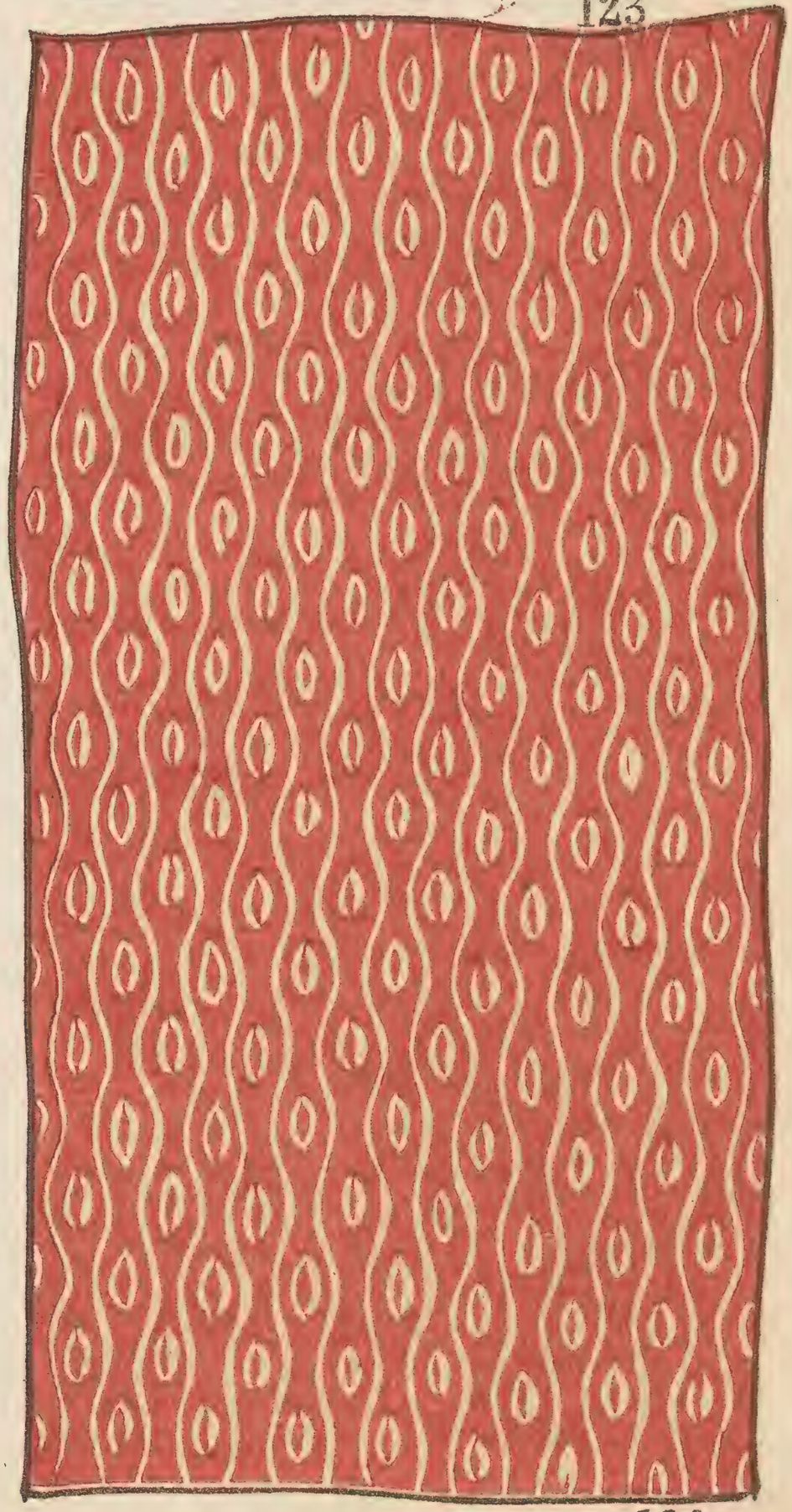

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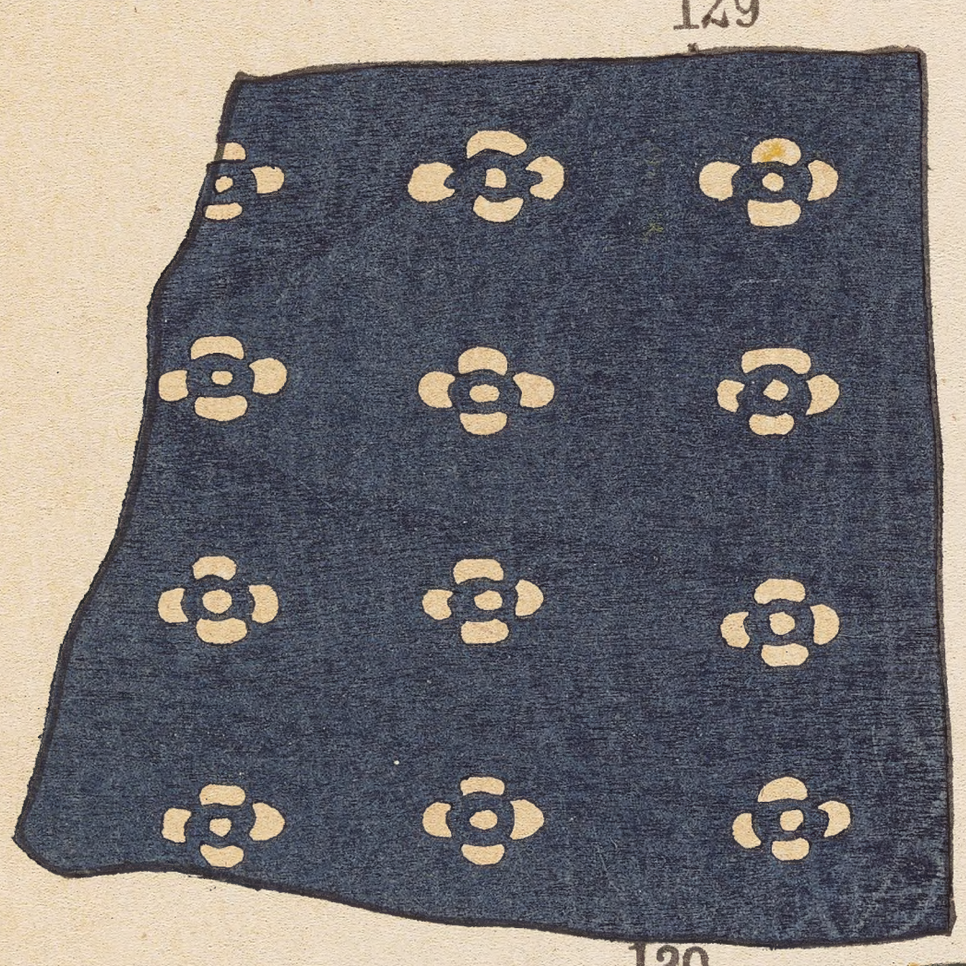

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